



STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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Dear Hospital Administrator:

The Department of Health and Human Services administers the Michigan Newborn Screening Program under the authority of Public Act 14, of 1987. This program provides testing of infants for congenital disorders that, if not detected, would result in serious disability or death. The statute also requires that the fee charged to support this program be adjusted to reflect: 1) the cumulative annual percentage change in the Detroit Consumer Price Index; and 2) the addition of new disorders to the newborn screening panel.

The annual percentage change in the Detroit Consumer Price Index was -2.4 percent this year. To reflect this change, the Department will apply a \$3.01 decrease to the cost of each initial (blue) newborn screening card, and a \$2.81 decrease to the cost of each retest (pink) card purchased. Effective October 1, 2015, the cost for an initial test card will be \$122.35 (from \$125.36) and the cost for a retest card will be \$114.48 (from \$117.29). There is no fee increase this year for new disorders, and the panel will include 56 conditions when screening for Pompe disease begins in several months.

As noted in previous correspondence, a new web-based system called Newborn Screening Online has been developed for ordering newborn screening cards and related educational materials. Beginning October 1, 2015, cards must be ordered through Newborn Screening Online, which can be accessed at www.michigan.gov/NBSorders. The online system is available 24/7 and will require immediate payment by e-check or credit card. Newborn Screening Online allows us to streamline the card ordering, inventory and accounting process, ultimately reducing program operation costs. Our staff has already notified hospital personnel responsible for purchasing cards or ordering materials, and can provide technical assistance to help facilitate your institution's transition to Newborn Screening Online, as needed.

Our Newborn Screening Program, in cooperation with Michigan birthing hospitals, has diagnosed more than 7,200 newborns with serious congenital disorders since 1965. During this special 50th Anniversary Year, we would like to extend our gratitude for the important role your hospital plays to make the statewide newborn screening system a success. Attached is a factsheet describing your institution's recent achievements in newborn screening.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Janice Bach, acting manager of Michigan's Newborn Screening Follow-up Program, at (517) 335-8887.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Hospital factsheet